



Matt Tapani Malkamaki

October 3, 1957 - November 20, 2023

Matt Tapani Malkamaki, age 66 of Mentor, Ohio passed away Monday, November 20, 2023 at The Enclave of Newell Creek, Mentor with his son Michael by his side. He was born on October 3, 1957 in Isokyro, Finland.

Mr. Malkamaki came to the United States from Finland in 1977 to join his aunt and uncle as a bricklayer in Fairport Harbor. He perfected his skills and craftsmanship to found Malkamaki Builders, Inc. in 1987 and become one of the most respected custom home builders in the Lake County Area for the past 36 years. He had been an active member of the Greater Cleveland Home Builders Association for 30 years and has built well over 1000 homes and condominiums in the Greater Lake County area. His last project prior to passing was his Blue Heron Development in Painesville, Ohio.

Prior to moving to the United States, Matt finished his schooling and served in the Finnish Army with honors. He was an avid skier and hockey/figure skater back in his homeland. Once Matt was established in the U.S., he enjoyed staying active in his free time with skiing, heli-skiing, golfing, boating, kayaking, bicycling, walking, live music, and international travel. Once retired, he enjoyed splitting his time between Lake County, Ohio and Naples, Florida with annual trips back to Finland to visit his family. Matt always loved to be surrounded by his friends and family. His most prized treasure was his granddaughter Charlotte who was his beloved sidekick – they shared a love of

boating, inner tubing, kayaking, amusement parks, bicycling, golf cart rides, trips to the beach, ping pong, building gingerbread houses and ice skating.

Survivors include his Son, Michael M. (Kelly A.) Malkamaki; Granddaughter, Charlotte Sophia Malkamaki; siblings: Ulpu (Jussi) Korpikoski, Kirsti (Matti Kotiranta) Malkamaki, Markku (Eeva) Malkamaki and Seija (Niko) Malkamaki and several nieces & nephews.

Preceding Matt in death were his parents: Alpo Matias Malkamaki and Vuokko Maria Josefiina (Ylkanen) Malkamaki

A celebration of Matt's life will be held from 4:00 – 8:00 pm Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave, Mentor, OH 44060.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Mentor Intensity Synchronized Skating Teams, Attn: Sue Clemente, 7564 Fairview Ave., Mentor, OH 44060, c/o "In honor of Matt Malkamaki" or to Notre Dame Elementary School Campaign, Attn: Keven Krajnak, 13000 Auburn Road, Chardon, OH 44024, c/o "Matt Malkamaki Family".

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **29**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center

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Tribute Wall

PJ

“ *It is with the greatest sympathy the members of Zion Lutheran Church extend our condolences to the family of Matt. We pray that you will know the comfort of God in your time off loss and grief and will draw hope from the faith that Matt had in his Lord Jesus Christ.*

Pastor Frederick Johnsen - November 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Matt Tapani Malkamaki.*



November 29, 2023 at 09:23 AM

TO

“ *Tod, Kim, Karl, Pam, Craig, Deborah, Jim, Tonya planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matt Tapani Malkamaki.*

Tod, Kim, Karl, Pam, Craig, Deborah, Jim, Tonya - November 29, 2023 at 09:23 AM

UK

“ *Our deepest condolences to Michael, Kelly and Charlotte, Honouring the memory of Matt Tapani Malkamaki, brother, brother-in-law and uncle.
The world changes from year to year, our lives from day to day, but our love and memory of Matt Tapani shall live forever.
Rest in eternal peace.
Love, Ulpu and Jussi Korpikoski, Anne-Maria and family, Carina and family, and Ryan and family*

Ulpu Korpikoski - November 28, 2023 at 09:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Matt Tapani Malkamaki.*



November 28, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ *Chuck & Anita (Elli & Martti Saari's Daughter) Chirdon & Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Matt Tapani Malkamaki.*



Chuck & Anita (Elli & Martti Saari's Daughter) Chirdon & Family - November 28, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Our deepest condolences from the Kirsti Malkamaki family - Flowers and a card were sent by Kirsti (Matt's sister), Matti Kotiranta and Tuomas Martikainen.*

Respecting Tapani's memory

*Your precious memory forever remain and shine in our minds.
Even though your golden heart got tired,
we cannot forget your kindness and warmth.*

*Gratefully remembering
Kirsti, Matti ja Tuomas*

Kirsti Malkamäki - November 26, 2023 at 01:20 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matt Tapani Malkamaki.*



November 24, 2023 at 01:16 PM



“ *Seija M. purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Matt Tapani Malkamaki.*



Seija M. - November 24, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ *Seija M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matt Tapani Malkamaki.*

Seija M. - November 24, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Matt Tapani Malkamaki.*



November 24, 2023 at 12:12 PM

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“ *Our deepest condolences from the Korpikoski family - flowers sent by Anne-Maria, Carina, Ryan and families were also from Ulpu (Matt's sister) and Jussi Korpikoski.*

Anne-Maria - November 23, 2023 at 12:05 PM

KP

I send my condolences and participation after Matt Tapani Malkamaki, passed away, offered to the family of Matt Tapani. I have so nice, good memory of Tapani.

Matt Tapanis aunt Kyllikki, from Finland

kyllikki poussu - November 26, 2023 at 09:44 AM

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“ *Anne-Maria, Carina, Ryan and Families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Matt Tapani Malkamaki.*



Anne-Maria, Carina, Ryan and Families - November 23, 2023 at 11:11 AM